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**REMARKS****JAN 09 2007**

In accordance with the foregoing and as proposed by Examiner Mengistu, rejected independent claims 11, 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 47, 48, 55, 56, 57, 101 and 102 have been amended to incorporate a limitation such as heretofore recited in claims 25 and 29 and which was a basis for the allowance of same and which Examiner Mengistu indicated would render those now amended independent claims allowable as well. The dependent claims 12-24, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 35, 38, 39, 41, 42, 46 and 58-60, depending from respective ones of and thus amended independent claims, accordingly inherit the allowable recitation of the respective independent claims and are allowable as well. No new matter is presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

It is submitted that all claims remaining pending herein are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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